India. He had wide- ranging discussions with the Prime Minister on bilateral and other issues of mutual interest. The External Affairs Minister, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha also met the Chinese Premier.

The two sides signed six MOUs/Agreements on cooperation pertaining to science and technology, outer space, tourism, phytosanitary measures and supply of hydrological data by China to India in respect of the Brahmaputra river during the flood season. These documents reflect the expansion and diversification of India-China relations.

The two Prime Ministers also agreed (i) to accelerate the process of clarification and confirmation of the alignment of the Line of Actual Control along the India-China boundary; (ii) to establish a bilateral dialogue mechanism against terrorism (modalities are being discussed between the Foreign Ministries); and (iii) that the Seventh Meeting of the Ministerial level Joint Economic Group will take place at an early date to look at ways and means of strengthening bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

Prime Minister has been invited to visit China and has accepted the invitation. Dates for the visit will be settled through diplomatic channels.

Collective efforts to suppress American influence in the world

†838. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India, China and Russia are considering to make collective efforts in order to control the increasing influence of America in the world and whether Russia is constantly pressurising on it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would raise the issue of stopping military assistance constantly being provided by China to Pakistan and taking back the occupied land of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Government remains concerned at certain aspects of the China-Pakistan relationship which adversely affects our security. This includes Sino-Pak defence cooperation including in the nuclear weapons and missile development programme. We have made known our concerns to the Chinese side.

India and China are seeking a fair reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through peaceful consultations.

American strategy to fight terrorism

839. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the speech made by US President George W. Bush in his "State of Union Address" outlining the American strategy to fight terrorism and the future course to be pursued indicating that DPRK (North Korea), Iran and Iraq would be its next targets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In his "State of the Union Address" to the U.S. Congress on 29.01.2002, the U.S. President outlined a number of domestic and international policies of his Government, including the U.S. Government's commitment to combat international terrorism. In this context, the U.S. President raised concerns about the links between terrorism and weapons of mass destruction and reiterated his objective of preventing regimes that sponsor terror for threatening America and its friends and allies from weapons of mass destruction. Government has noted that the U.S. President did not state that the United States intends to militarily target any of the named countries.

U.S. mediation in Indo-Pak relation

840. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Administration has offered to mediate in Indo-Pak relation to resume bilateral talks; and